

RENTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

June 22, 1998 Council Chambers
Monday, 7:30 p.m. Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS

BOB EDWARDS, Council President; RANDY CORMAN; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; KING PARKER; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS DAN CLAWSON AND TONI NELSON. CARRIED.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; DAVID DEAN, Assistant City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; BETTY NOKES, Economic Development Director; SANDRA MEYER, Transportation Systems Director; MICHAEL KATTERMANN, Director of Neighborhoods & Strategic Planning; LEE HARO, Transportation Planning Supervisor; STEPHEN ROLLE, Civil Engineer; STEVE CLARK, Program Development Coordinator; SANDY CHASTAIN, Community Relations Specialist; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON, Police Department.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 1998, AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS Executive Introduction of New Volunteer/Special Events Coordinator

Sandy Chastain, Community Relations Specialist, introduced Sonja Mejlaender, chosen to provide volunteer coordination and special events (Renton River Days) coordination services to the City for the next year. Ms. Mejlaender, a Renton native, expressed enthusiasm for her new duties and looked forward to working with everyone.

P/B/PW Department Employee Awards

Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman announced that the following P/B/PW employees received "Good Works" awards in 1997: Ron Druce, Water Quality Technician; Sonja Fesser, Engineering Specialist; Lisa Grueter, Senior Planner; Tom Malphrus, Civil Engineer; Lee Walmsley, Maintenance Services Worker; Richard Thompson, Maintenance Services Worker; and Joe Armstrong, Engineering Specialist. Mr. Zimmerman explained that the awards are given for technical skills, superior customer service ethics, the willingness to go the extra mile for co-workers, and dedication to the public and to public service.

Mr. Zimmerman also announced that Owen Dennison, Associate Planner, was awarded the P/B/PW Department's

1997 Saber award, which designates him as the department's Employee of the Year. He concluded by recognizing Pat Stoddard, Utility Division Secretary, who is retiring at the end of June. For several years, Mrs. Stoddard chaired the ad hoc committee responsible for coordinating department luncheons and selecting Good Works award winners from the many nominations received.

Planning Neighborhood
Program Recognition
(Earlington Liaisons)

Martin Patricelli, 729 SW Langston Rd., Renton, 98055, presented plaques of appreciation to Sandy Chastain, Community Relations Specialist, and Renton Police Chief Garry Anderson for their volunteer work as Neighborhood Program liaisons to the Earlington community. Mr. Patricelli said since Earlington began receiving assistance from Mrs. Chastain and Chief Anderson, five active Block Watch groups have been formed, a crosswalk on SW Langston Rd. has been replaced, abandoned cars have been removed, and numerous other improvements have been made in the area.

Mr. Patricelli also presented plaques to Mayor Tanner and the City Council to express appreciation for their roles in implementing the Neighborhood Program.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
Transportation Six-Year
TIP, 1999-2004

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Tanner opened the public hearing to consider the 1999-2004 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and associated budget amendments.

Sandra Meyer, Transportation Systems Director, explained that the TIP identifies six years' worth of transportation capital improvement projects, associated funding, the timing of improvements, and the anticipated results of implementing the program. The TIP assumes that certain state and regional funding will become available, such as the RTA funding that was approved and allocated to the greater Renton area for the HOV-direct access interchanges and express bus service.

Lee Haro, Transportation Planning Supervisor, added that the proposed budget adjustments reflect an increase of \$900,000 in local revenues resulting from special appropriations for neighborhood walkways and downtown street improvements, as well as from increased business licensing fees. Newly acquired state and federal grants total an additional \$3,200,000.

Mr. Haro described how the TIP will maintain the City's existing infrastructure, one of the most important purposes of any transportation program. Other projects and programs enhance the liveability of Renton's communities, or improve the safety and operations of transportation facilities. Mr. Haro noted that RUSH, downtown Renton's free bus shuttle service, is the most successful shuttle in King County's history.

Mr. Haro briefly reviewed the top ten TIP priority projects, as follows: Street Overlay Program; Oakesdale Ave. SW Phase 1 (SW 16th to 27th Sts.); Oakesdale Ave. SW Phase 2 (SW 27th to 31st Sts.); I-405/NE 44th St. Interchange; Transit Program; Walkway Program; Intra-City Intermodal Transportation Program; Downtown Transit Access Program; Logan Ave. and Pipeline Streetscape; and Transit Priority Signal System.

Audience comment was invited. There being none, it was MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED. (See page 223 for legislation.)

EDNSP Automall
Expansion

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Tanner opened the public hearing to consider the proposed expansion of the Renton Automall.

Mike Kattermann, Director of Neighborhoods & Strategic Planning, stated that Renton's Automall area is divided into two subsections, Areas "A" and "B." Area A is currently restricted to auto-related uses only. It has higher landscape standards for all properties, and financial incentives for dealerships to locate there. The proposal is to expand the current Area "A" west to include four additional blocks between Lind and Raymond. The change would also add existing offices and small vehicle sales (snowmobiles and lawn and garden equipment) to the list of allowed uses.

Continuing, Mr. Kattermann said one proposed change for Automall Area "B" would be to adopt Area "A"'s higher landscape standards, but only for those auto dealerships located within its boundaries. Area "B" encompasses three different zoning categories (Arterial Commercial, and Medium Industrial and High Industrial) but uses do not have to be auto-related. The proposal would expand Area "B" to include several existing and expected dealerships currently located outside of the Automall. This would allow the City to require higher landscape standards of these businesses. It would also permit auto dealerships in Area "B" to have electronic reader board signs.

Mr. Kattermann added that the proposal would also create a right-of-way improvement plan that would use special street signage and decorative banners to help identify the area.

The Planning Commission recommended that the Automall expansion be approved as presented, with two modifications: 1) That the reference to "snowmobile, lawn and garden equipment" be deleted from the list of primary uses allowed in Area "A"; and 2) That the Puget Sound Energy site located on Grady Way east of Talbot Road not be included in the expansion area.

Mr. Kattermann added that staff's recommendation is that this item remain in Planning & Development Committee for further consideration. He noted the receipt of a request to extend the written comment period for one week, which staff does not oppose.

Councilman Schlitzer suggested that the manner in which sales of certain items are allowed or disallowed might be overly specific, since it calls out particular vehicles such as personal watercraft, ATVs, motorcycles, snowmobiles, etc. Mr. Kattermann agreed that this language can be looked at closer in committee.

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler questioned why the proposal includes overlaying the Automall designation onto properties such as the Holiday Inn site, which is already developed and for which the City is not encouraging redevelopment. Emphasizing that the properties would not be affected unless the current use changed to an auto dealership, Mr. Kattermann noted that any property always possesses the opportunity to be redeveloped. He added that Council can change the proposed expansion boundaries of Area "A" or "B" as it deems appropriate.

Audience comment was invited.

Don Pugh, 811 SW Grady Way, Renton, 98055, representing Cummins Northwest, Inc., was concerned with the proposal to overlay Area "A" onto property located to the east of the Cummins site. Saying that Cummins has considered expanding its use in that direction, he noted that it could not do so if that property was incorporated into Area "A," since it would then be restricted to certain auto-related uses.

Correspondence was read from Robert I. Heller, 1001 Fourth Ave. Suite 4000, Seattle, 98104, representing Cummins Northwest Inc., describing the concern stated by Mr. Pugh and suggesting that the following sentence be added to the Automall provisions to address this and similar situations: "However, businesses in operation on the date of this amendment at locations abutting or adjacent to (across the street from) Area 'A' shall be permitted to expand onto property in Area 'A' that is abutting or adjacent to the existing facility."

Responding to Councilman Corman, Mr. Kattermann noted that Council could always change the boundaries of Area "A" in the future to accommodate situations such as that described by Mssrs. Pugh and Heller.

Additional correspondence was read from Rosemary Grassi, no address provided, who asked that the Puget Sound Energy property be excluded from the Automall area, as she felt it could be used in the future to expand the new city hall complex. Noting her concern that the entrance into the Chevron station in Renton Village is hazardous to drivers entering from the east, Ms. Grassi further asked that the City encourage natural landscaping with plants and flowers in the Automall and discourage streamers, fringe and balloons which are not as attractive.

Responding to Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler, Mayor Tanner said the primary reason for including the Puget Sound Energy site in Area "B" is because it has already been sold to AutoNation, and only by including it in Area "B" will the City be able to require the higher landscape standards. He added that this site is currently zoned Heavy Industrial (IH), which allows auto sales.

Jerry Shreve, PO Box 95, Kent, 98035, stated that he owns a home at 515 Wells S. adjacent to the proposed Automall expansion area, the basement of which has flooded three times in the last eight years. He was concerned that additional development and pavement would increase the storm water runoff in this area, resulting in more flooding. He therefore requested that the City re-evaluate its storm water runoff regulations for any new development in this area.

Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman agreed that this area still experiences surface water problems, which the City is addressing. Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington added that Renton's development regulations stipulate that no new project is allowed to increase an area's current storm water runoff.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, LEAVING THE WRITTEN RECORD OPEN FOR ONE WEEK AS REQUESTED. CARRIED.

REPORT

written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 1998 and beyond. Items noted included:

- * Metro Credit Union has donated \$500 to the City's scholarship program, which enables Renton residents to participate in a City class or activity for half the cost or no cost.
- * Dredging of the Cedar River began last week, with dredged materials being trucked for storage to the Narco site at an expected frequency of one truck every five or six minutes.
- * Water Supervisor Ray Sled was selected to be part of a team traveling to Bosnia to help with that country's water distribution system.

AUDIENCE COMMENT
 Citizen Comment Woods -
 O'Connor Plat Impacts
 (Water Runoff, Property
 Encroachment)

Jerry Woods, 17712 SE Petrovitsky Rd., Renton, 98058, stated that as the owner of property located at 3521 Cedar Ave. S., he has long been concerned about increased water runoff from the adjacent O'Connor plat. Explaining that this problem was caused by the elevation of several lots in this plat, he additionally reported that another property owner's driveway was moved onto his land without his knowledge or permission. Mr. Woods worried that these problems would decrease the value of his property, and requested that they be resolved.

Mayor Tanner agreed to look into this matter.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

CAG 98-069, Museum
 Restroom Renovation,
 Pacific NW Builders

City Clerk reported bid opening on 6/17/98 for CAG-98-069, Museum Restroom Renovation project; seven bids; project estimate \$30,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Pacific Northwest Builders, in the total amount of \$30,276.87. Council concur.

CAG 98-076, 1998
 Sidewalk Rehabilitation
 (Windsor Hills), DA
 Zuluaga Const

City Clerk reported bid opening on 6/16/98 for CAG-98-076, 1998 Sidewalk Rehabilitation for Windsor Hills; seven bids; project estimate \$124,669; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, D.A. Zuluaga Construction, Inc., in the total amount of \$119,479. Council concur.

CAG 98-023, 1998 Street
 Patch, Lakeridge Paving

Public Works Maintenance Division submitted CAG-98-023, 1998 Street Patch project; and requested approval of the project, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$9,336.38 to Lakeridge Paving, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

Public Works Annual
 Consultant List for
 Telemetry & SCADA
 Services

Water Utility Division recommended approval of annual consultant contract list for telemetry and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) services. Council concur.

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED TO REMOVE ITEM 8.d. FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION. CARRIED.

Separate Consideration
Item 8.d.

CAG 97-061, Oakesdale Ave SW (16th-27th)
Engineering Services, Kato & Warren

Transportation Systems Division requested approval of Supplement No. 3 to CAG-97-061, contract with Kato & Warren, Inc. (engineering and design services on the Oakesdale Ave. SW project - SW 16th to 27th Streets), for landscape design and geotechnical inspection services in the amount of \$69,871.70.

Noting that this item was originally to be referred to the Transportation Committee, Councilman Schlitzer preferred that it proceed directly to Council's approval this evening. MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH KATO & WARREN AS PROPOSED. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Citizen Comment Halinen -
Monster Road Bridge
Temporary Closure

Correspondence was read from David L. Halinen, 10500 NE 8th St. Suite 1900, Bellevue, 98004, representing Gary Merlino Construction Co., Inc., asking that the planned closure of the Monster Road Bridge between Monster Road SW and SR-900 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Way) for approximately 30 days between June 22nd and July 24th, be countermanded.

The City Clerk noted that this issue was amicably resolved after Mr. Halinen submitted his letter to the Council last week.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee of the Whole
Annexation West Hill PAA
Boundary

Council President Edwards presented a report recommending that Council refer the matter of the West Hill potential annexation area (PAA) to the Administration and the Planning Commission for review and recommendation back to the City Council regarding this PAA boundary. The Committee further recommended that the Administration report back to the City Council on the best way to proceed expeditiously with potential modifications to the boundary, including a change to the City's Comprehensive Plan. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Community Services
Committee

Executive 1% for Arts
Contract w/T. Ellen Sollod
(Downtown Project)

Community Services Committee Vice Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in the Municipal Arts Commission's recommendation that the City commission T. Ellen Sollod to design, construct and install artwork as part of a 1% for Art project in downtown Renton. Specifically, this art would be applied in the vicinity of Logan and 3rd Ave. (the sites known as the Gateway and the Renton Piazza on Logan Ave. between S. 2nd and 3rd Streets). The \$50,000 available for the 1% project is generated through capital projects in the Transportation department.

T. Ellen Sollod is a regionally-recognized artist known for her creative skill in incorporating local history into her work. After a competitive selection process, King County commissioned her to design, construct and install art in

the Transit Center. The Transit Center is immediately adjacent to the Gateway, the Piazza, and Logan Ave. between S. 2nd and 3rd Streets.

This entire area is a significant part of our downtown redevelopment efforts. By utilizing the same artist for both projects, the City can take advantage of the visual consistency that can be applied to the whole area. By commissioning the artist prior to the full design of the entire Piazza project, the artist can integrate her concepts into the design.

The Committee further recommended that Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract with T. Ellen Sollod for this 1% for Art project. Additionally, the artist is required to submit the design for review to the City Council for final approval. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Appointment Municipal
Arts Commission

Community Services Committee Vice Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in the Mayor's appointments of the following individuals to the Municipal Arts Commission to fill currently vacant positions: Nancy Hoben, 17434 - 128th Ave. SE, Renton, 98058, term to expire 12/31/2000; Eileen Cunio, 337 Stevens Ave. NW, Renton, 98055, and Rebecca Lloyd, 331 Smithers Ave. S., Renton, 98055, terms to expire 12/31/1999; and Diana Hagen, 14230 - 147th Pl. SE, Renton, 98059, term to expire 12/31/1998. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Committee
Finance Audit Program for
Misdirected or Uncollected
Tax & Fee Revenues

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence with the Finance Department's direction in contracting with a third party vendor to conduct audits of sales and licensing totals from the Department of Revenue to ensure that the amounts paid by Renton citizens are going to the City of Renton. The Committee concurred that the vendor be paid a percentage of funds discovered. Further, if necessary, the budget will be amended to meet any increased costs. These costs will be offset by revenues generated from the audit. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claims Vouchers #160339 - 160790; three wire transfers in the total amount of \$3,234,444.39; approval of Payroll Vouchers #160340 - 160615; and 500 direct deposits in the total amount of \$1,269,862.52. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**ORDINANCES AND
RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

Resolution #3333
Transportation Six-Year
TIP, 1999-2004

A resolution was read updating the City's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), 1999-2004. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS

PRESENTED. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 7/06/98 for second and final reading:

Budget 1998 Amendments
for Transportation Projects
(Six-Year TIP)

An ordinance was read providing for 1998 Budget adjustments in the amount of \$4,008,970 (\$3,758,970 in Transportation Capital Funds and \$250,000 in General Funds) for transportation improvement projects. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 7/06/98. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading:

Ordinance #4728
Rezone Oakesdale
Campus, SW
43rd/Oakesdale Ave SW,
R-98-005

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of approximately 14 acres located at the northwest corner of SW 43rd St. and Oakesdale Ave. SW, south of Springbrook Creek, from Medium Industrial (IM) to Commercial Arterial (CA) (Oakesdale Campus, R-98-005). MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance #4729
Legal Drug Paraphernalia
Sales & Distribution

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 12, Drug Paraphernalia, Sales or Use, of Title VI (Police Regulations) of City Code by adding a new section entitled "Drug Paraphernalia Infraction." MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilman Parker suggested that the Administration alert businesses who sell drug paraphernalia items that this ordinance will soon take effect. Police Chief Garry Anderson agreed that the department will do its best to spread the word.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 9:30 p.m.

MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Brenda Fritsvold
6/22/98